GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES FROM MOSQUES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in which the terrorists in J&K were found holed-up in mosques during the last three years; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to prevent the terrorists from being holed-up in mosques ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): As per information furnished by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, the number of cases of terrorists detected taking shelter in mosques for the last three years are as given below:-

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1999  -   Nil
2000  -   Nil
2001  -   5
2002  -   3 (upto Feb., 18).
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(b): Security forces have the latitude to deal with such emerging situations based on the ground level exigencies of each particular case and to plan their operations in such a way that minimum possible damage to religious structures takes place without compromising the objective of the operation.